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PATENT APPLICATION  
09/840,837

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Peter J. Renucci et al.  
Serial No.: 09/840,837  
Filed: April 24, 2001  
Group No.: 2616  
Examiner: Ian N. Moore  
Notice of Allowance Mailed: August 7, 2006  
Confirmation No.: 6086  
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING LIFELINE  
TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICE

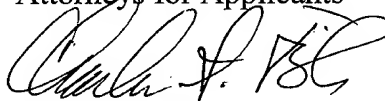
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's allowance of Claims 1-7. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.104, Applicants respectfully issue a statement commenting on the Examiner's reasons for allowance. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's reasons for allowance to the extent that they are inconsistent with applicable case law, statutes, and regulations. Furthermore, Applicants do not admit to any characterization or limitation of the claims or to any characterization of a reference by the Examiner, particularly any that are inconsistent with the language of the claims considered in their entirety and including all of their constituent limitations.

Respectfully submitted,  
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